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Notes from KO4ZFO (Rodney)

Dear SWARC members,

President message:

Thank you all for allowing me to serve as your President for the last two years. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with all of you, and look forward to serving as your Vice President in the coming year. Thanks again.

Field Day Recap:

This year SWARC operated from the Fuquay Coworking building in downtown Fuquay-Varina. Operators started showing up Saturday morning after 9AM, and started setting up for the event. Participants set up signs at the street, deployed antennas and built an 80-meter Center Fed Dipole on site to deploy in the trees. Two canopy tents were setup for expectations of rain later in the day, and stations were setup under the tents for stations covering 20 meters, 80 meters, and 10 meters. A 40-meter station was also setup away from the tents to provide some isolation from the other stations. The SWARC Family Dinner was held close to the end of the storm, and was attended by roughly 20 people. A pork shoulder was purchased from Smithfield's Chicken & BBQ, and side dishes were provided by attendees.



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All stations were operational for the start of the event and a GOTA station was designated under the tent for the public. Besides some rain in the afternoon, which lasted about an hour and a half, all stations ran till 6AM on Sunday morning. A total of six operators stayed through the night to operate all three of the stations, which ultimately covered the 20 meters, 40 meters, and 80 meters bands. By the time the sun rose on Sunday all six operators were exhausted and were ready for bed. Breakdown of the stations started at 6:30AM and the site was cleaned up from the event.

Please remember our fellow members who are dealing with various medical situations. Please reach out to these members. Even a phone call can brighten their day and give them encouragement through their recovery.

We ask you to keep the following in your thoughts and prayers:

Gary, KO4LQX, Kenny, KJ4CVK, Al, WA4TCJ, and Linda, KI4LO, Crawford, Bernie Jones, N4BAJ, and particularly his wife.

Gary Plante, KO4LQX, reports:

Hi Richard, hope you and the gang are doing well. I'm hanging in there; they put me on a high steroid boost with a taper off for the next two months. My quality of life has improved dramatically; all itching has stopped and some of my throat and neck issues are much better. I will



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be going for my labs, oncology & maybe Immunotherapy this coming Tuesday (1 July).

If the blood work comes back showing that my kidney function improved, then I will get immunotherapy; if not they will look at other options until my appointment with a Nephrologist in August.

The scans may have been good but there is a possibility that accuracy is not guaranteed because of all the post radiation damage that can disguise the presence of a new tumor.

So, I guess I can say that all is still ok.

Thanks for reaching out.

Gary (Report from Richard Hall past week).

Kenny, KJ4CVK, is now in an assisted living facility, in Lillington.

Al and Linda Crawford have had many health issues over the past few months and are feeling better and doing more these days.

It is now time to renew your membership, if you have not already done so. You can pay at a meeting or send a check to the PO Box – OR ->

We currently have a link on our website which allows you to pay your dues or make a donation. Please let us know when you pay online by emailing me, so that I can ensure your payment is marked either for



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dues or a donation. The link for SWARC dues is:

<https://urldefense.com/v3/https://square.link/u/h0LLrbD6?src=sms>

Rodney KO4ZFO
President 2023-25

Notes from NW3U (Dave)

It has been a privilege to serve you this past year.

Dave, NW3U
Vice President 2024-25

SWARC 2 July 2025 Meeting Minutes

Thanks to all who brought things for us to eat.

This was a nicely attended pre-4th of July meeting! LOL!

The meeting began at 7:02 pm with Pledge of Allegiance led by Mike, KD4MC. This was followed by brief officer reports.

Attendees: Richard (KR4LH), Dave, (NW3U), Rich (KZ4ET) and wife Jane, Christy (KJ4AEO), Don (KN4OEY), Paul (KN4GNI), Brian (K4BK), Mike



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(KD4OKR), Diane (KE4VNX), Mike (KD4MC), Kevin (N4ANC), Steve (WB4SMS), Tom (KC2QVD), Phil (KZ4OE), Al (WA4TCJ), and David (KQ4ZLK) who turned in an application during the meeting!

Old/Unfinished Business

Board members KK4BK, KR4LH, KO4ZFO, WB4SMS, NW3U, WA4TCJ and KJ4AEO met prior to the meeting to discuss vacancies from the previous election held in June. After some discussion, a motion was made to accept Brian (KK4BK) as President, Rodney (KO4ZFO) as Vice President and Mike (KD4OKR) as Secretary. The motion was seconded and passed. During the meeting, this motion was presented to the members attending and they approved the revised slate below:

President	Brian Knox (KK4BK)
Vice President	Rodney Warren (KO4ZFO)
Secretary	Mike Ramsey (KD4OKR)
Treasurer	Christy Fernandini (KJ4AEO)
Board Member	Steve Suzanne (WB4SMS)
Board Member	Paul Nicholson (KN4NGI)
Newsletter Editor	Richard Hall (KR4LH)

New Business

NONE.



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Program/Presentation

Brian (KK4BK) presented an introduction to Winlink messaging which will be followed up over the next several months with more information. For access to his slides, visit the SWARC website and look in the 'Good Reads' tab.

We also discussed the recent Field Day event, which was attended by KO4ZFO, NW3U, KF4LFW, KD4OKR, KR4LH, AE4DG, WA4TCJ, KN4OEY, KN4NGI, KZ4ET & Jane, KQ4ZLK, and guests: Mark (N0CAL), Tony (KC5PKW) and Frank (WA3TMR). Dave Price (K4KDP) representing ARRL was present at the beginning of our event period.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Christy Fernandini's report highlighted income of \$130.00 from dues and donations with expenses of \$40.00 for pizza at last meeting. Balance of \$2,243.79 with no obligated funds.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Hall KR4LH

Acting Secretary and Newsletter Editor



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Public Service

To learn more about future events, you can go to <https://hpsnc.org/>. However, here are the current and future support needs:

Check the HPSNC.org web site often for Public Service opportunities. The public service season is very active and events need volunteers. You may also get to public service events on the RARS and SWARC websites.

MEMBERSHIP

You can bring a check or cash for dues to the next meeting or mail them to the club PO box and Christy will advise she has received them. Also, you can now renew online by contacting Christy and giving her the appropriate credit card info for the 'Square' account. Christy's email is christyfernandini@outlook.com. Make checks payable to South Wake ARC and send to South Wake ARC – PO Box 1565 – Fuquay Varina, NC 27526

NET REPORT



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We will no longer be reporting net numbers. **Very few** net controls record their counts, so numbers could be significantly higher than recorded.

If you are a net control, please try to document your check-ins so that we can justify the trustee's provision of the repeater for our nets and other uses. **If you need help with the spreadsheet, send KR4LH a copy of your handwritten log and he will enter them. Text Richard at 830-515-9762 with a picture of your log.**

- Saturday and Sunday evenings will be called by KO4ZFO & KR4LH
- We need someone to** call Monday evenings besides KO4ZFO
- KN4OEY will call Tuesday evenings
- KK4BK will call Wednesday evenings except on meeting nights
- KO4ZFO or a board member will call Thursday evenings
- Fridays will continue to be called by NC4MP
- And we need backups – JUST BECAUSE.

Welcome to new substitute net controllers: CD Murphy (KJ4IJK), Bryant Byrd (KQ4UHZ) and Mark McFarland (KD7AAG).

Please contact Don Nicholson (KN4OEY), if you are interested in calling one or more nets. **If you are a scheduled net controller and you are not able to call your net, please reach out and ask someone else to call it for you!**



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SWARC Mission Statement

South Wake ARC's primary purpose is to further the Amateur Radio Service through programs, activities, and education, in order to promote the radio knowledge, fraternalism and individual operating efficiency of its members. Further, it shall be our purpose to support the welfare of our community through public service including radio communications for emergency situations and public events, and through providing information, training, and assistance to individuals or organizations with an interest in the Amateur Radio Service. Refer to the SWARC web site for the Board of Directors/Officers and Appointed Positions.

LINKS (if you have other links that you want added, send them to me)

PRN

A Wide Area Digital Amateur Radio Network

www.ncprn.net

GigaParts

www.gigaparts.com

QRZ

www.qrz.com



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Ham Radio Outlet HRO

www.hamradio.com

Raleigh Amateur Radio Society RARS

www.rars.org

Johnson Amateur Radio Society JARS

www.jars..net

South Wake Amateur Radio Club SWARC

www.southwakearc.com

Carolina 440 Network

www.carolina440.net

North Carolina Packet

www.ncpacket.com

TARPN (Terrestrial Amateur Packet Radio Net)

www.tarpn.net

Useful Ham Info

www.torborg.com/a

Five County Ham Radio Enthusiasts

www.fivecountyhre.org

Ham Study (Exam Tools)

www.hamstudy.org

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